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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CS
SUBJ: IRS TESTIMONY

REF: STATE 96086

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, VESCO IS ONCE AGAIN NEWS IN COSTA RICA DUE TO (A) HIS ONGOING COSTA RICAN CITIZENSHIP REQUEST, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACTED UPON BEFORE THE NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER MAY 8, (B) THE ONGOING LOCALLY-BROUGHT SECURITIES FRAUD AGAINST VESCO AND ASSOCIATES, (C) THE PUBLIC PLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT THAT VESCO "WILL LEAVE" COSTA RICA, (D) VESCO'S RECENT REQUEST TO LEAVE COSTA RICA FOR A 90 DAY PERIOD. THUS, IT CAN BE ASSURED THAT ANY USG ACTIVITY IN COSTA RICA HAVING TO DO WITH VESCO OR ASSOCIATES WILL BE NEWS HERE.

2. THE QUESTION THEN IS WHETHER IN CURRENT ATMOSPHERE THIS WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT USG INTERESTS OR IMAGE IN VESCO MATTER. OUR VIEW IS THAT TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS AT SITE OTHER THAN EMBASSY POSES MINIMAL RISK OF DAMAGE TO OVERALL US INTEREST IN VESCO MATTER AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER, THERE MAY WELL BE ADVANTAGE IN HAVING DEPOSITIONS TAKEN NOW RATHER THAN AFTER CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT MAY 8. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO IRS REP TAKING DEPOSITION OF VESCO ASSOCIATES FROM APRIL 24-27.

3. REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING "BROOKS" MENTIONED IN REFTTEL AS ONE INDIVIDUAL WHOE WILL DEPOSE. THIS IS FIRST TIME EMBASSY
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CAN RECALL SEEING THIS NAME AMONG OTHER WELL-KNOWN VESCO ASSOCIATES.

4. EMBOFF CONTACT FOR MR MARK IS POLOFF JOHN MAISTO. OFFICE PHONE, 22-55-66 EXTENSION 254; HOME NUMBER, 32-58-28.

5. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM MR MARK'S RESERVATIONS AT CARIARI. DUE TO INAUGURATION ACTIVITIES AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBIT

BEING PLANNED FOR EARLY MAY, HOWEVER, RESERVATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY
TIGHT. IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL AT CARIARI WE WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS
AT EITHER IRAZU, AMSTEL, OR EUROPA. WE WILL ADVISE
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